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TAGS: AFSP, APER, LA

SUBJECT: TELECOMMUNICATIONS WITH BAN HOUEI SAI

SUMMARY: HAVING JUST REVIEWED USAGE RATES OF TELEGRAPHIC FACILITIES BETWEEN VIENTIANE AND BAN HOUEI SAI, EMBASSY AND DEA SAIC FULLETT AGREE THAT TRAFFIC IS INSUFFICIENT TO JUSTIFY EXISTENCE, OPERATION AND MANNING OF THE SYSTEM.

### 1. FINDINGS:

A. IN A PERIOD OF APPROXIMATELY ONE YEAR, A TOTAL OF 55 MESSAGES WERE SENT FROM VIENTIANE TO BAN HOUEI SAI AND 138 WERE SENT FROM THERE TO VIENTIANE.

B. OF THAT AMOUNT, 177 WERE UNCLASSIFIED, AND ONLY 36 NEEDED PRIORITY PRECEDENCE.

C. FOR THE COMBINED MONTHS OF JULY, AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER 1973, A TOTAL OF ONLY 11 MESSAGES WERE SENT FROM AND 12 RECEIVED AT BAN HOUEI SAI, OF WHICH 20 WERE CLASSIFIED AND 6 REQUIRED PRIORITY PRECEDENCE.

D. EMBASSY, DEA SAIC FULLETT, AND DICK FROM BANGKOK, HAVE DISCUSSED OTHER MEANS OF HANDLING TRAFFIC.

E. COMMUNICATOR POSITION 55-9050-134 THEREFORE BECOMES AVAILABLE TO THE DEPARTMENT.

### 2. RECOMMENDATIONS:

A. PROPOSE RETAIN DEBROSSE AT BAN HOUEI SAI TO SUPERVISE DISMANTLING EQUIPMENT FOR RETURN TO VIENTIANE AWAITING FURTHER DEPARTMENTAL INSTRUCTIONS ON DISPOSAL OF HW-28. EMBASSY MAY REQUIRE HELP

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OF RTC AND ATO AND IT WILL COMMUNICATE DIRECTLY WITH THEM IF NECESSARY.

D. DEBROSSE REQUESTING SHORTENED TOUR AND EMBASSY PROPOSES TRANSFER HIM TO VIENTIANE AS COMPLEMENT REPLACEMENT FOR ETTA WILKINSON WHO DUE FOR DIRECT TRANSFER MID-DECEMBER (STATE 206779).

IKEGAMI DEPARTING FOR HOME LEAVE-AND-RETURN IN DECEMBER. THIS WILL RESULT IN C&R STAFF NUMBERING SIX FOR TWO MONTH PERIOD AND PERMIT EMBASSY STUDY FURTHER ITS STAFFING REQUIREMENTS (VIENTIANE 5418).

C. WOULD PREFER MOVE AHEAD QUICKLY ON THIS PROJECT IN ORDER:

1. TO REPLY TO DEBROSSE REQUEST TO LEAVE BAN HOU EI SAI AS BOREDOM INCREASING WITH DECREASING WORKLOAD, AND
2. REMOVE UNNECESSARY CRYPTO EQUIPMENT FROM VULNERABLE LOCATION.

D. THIS MESSAGE NOT SENT INFO TO OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES BECAUSE EMBASSY BELIEVES EA/EX WOULD PREFER TO HAVE FIRST OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT.

E. WE HAVE DISCUSSED THIS PROPOSAL WITH USAID DIRECTOR MANN WHOSE REGIONAL COORDINATOR ALSO HAS BEEN USING BAN HOU EI SAI TELECOMMUNICATIONS FACILITY.

MANN CONCURS IN OUR CONCLUSION.  
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